



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message



Spring has apparently arrived! In fact, for a moment there, we all thought that winter had returned. Our weather has certainly been unpredictable at times so please take a moment to review the morning weather report so that our students are dressed appropriately for outdoor play and for their field trips.

It is hard to believe that there are only 3 months left of school and yet, we have so many great things to look forward to here at Timberbank. Our School Council is organizing another Family Movie Night and its 5th Spring Fair that we hope will bring our community even closer together.

Our band students will be performing at Band Fest at Dr. Norman Bethune CI on April 20th and are looking forward to showcasing their talents. Along with this, our whole school is also busy practicing and getting ready for our annual Spring Concert which will take place on Thursday, May 12th from 6:30-8pm.

We continue to work towards keeping our Gold Eco-certification for this year. Timberbank staff, students and the community are working hard to become more eco-conscious. Thank you for your support with our "litterless" lunches, composting, eco-collages, and used marker collections. And of course, thanks to all of our students for their efforts to walk to school on "Walking Wednesdays". Hopefully, with the good weather just around the corner, we can get more students walking or even riding their bikes to school. We recently had our waste audit and now we are working on our on-line application. Once again, our school will also participate in the annual Spring Community Clean Up on Friday, April 22nd in the afternoon.

Timberbank continues to be a busy place with many great activities for our students. Whether it be PALS Houseleague, Show Choir, Dance Club, Chess Club, Spelling Bee Club, Co-ed Volleyball, Soccer or EcoTeam, our hope is that there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

April 7-13	TDSB Creates - Resident Artist works with Gr1 and Gr1/2 classes
April 8	Co-ed Volleyball Tournament all day @ Timberbank Gym
April 11	Parent School Council Meeting in the Library @ 6:30pm
April 13	PINK Day
April 15	PA Day - NO SCHOOL
April 20	Band Fest @ Dr. Norman Bethune CI in the morning
April 22	Community Clean Up Day from 2:15pm to 3:15pm
April 22	Family Movie Night II - Dinner @ 6:30pm; Movie @ 7pm
April 26	Anti-Bullying Magic Show in the morning
May 2	Gr 1 and Gr 1/2 classes visit Forest Valley
May 3	Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Parent Information Night
May 4	Grade 4 presentation - "Fashion Takes Action"
May 5	Folkfest @ Scarborough Civic Centre @ 5:30pm



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Attention Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Upcoming School Council's Activities For You and Your Family

Thank You for Joining Us at These Events!

Family Movie Night – Friday February 19th

Great fun had by all the families who joined us for an evening of fun watching 'Inside Out'. Lots of blankets, pillows, air mattresses and sleeping bags to make it a comfy camp out in the gym

Family Fun Night – Tuesday March 8th

Fantastic turn out. Very positive feedback from parents and students. "Excellent chance to learn and enjoy time with the family!" "Amazing. Loved it!" "Thank you - fun / educational activities."

What's Up Next?

Family Movie Night II – Friday April 22nd

Get your blankets, slippers, PJs and pillow ready... movie night is back by popular demand. This movie was voted on and selected by the student. We hope to see you there. Watch for your invitation in your child's backpack.

Spring Fair – Saturday June 18th

New rides, features and games are being prepared for this year's fair. Circle the date on your calendars now.

Help Wanted for Spring Fair

Please contact your school council co-chairs for more information. Lisa Ferguson (ferguson@ca.ibm.com) or Mike Petkovski (mike.petkovski@metro.ca) Please use "TIMBERBANK" in the subject line.

Fundraising help:

- ask your contacts to donate money to pay for a bouncy castle in return for an advertising opportunity
- solicit donated merchandise for silent auction and raffle prizes

Volunteer opportunities

- on the day: run a game; sell tickets; set up; take 1 shift or more; help clean up

Great chance to get to know other families in the community

Next School Council Meeting – Monday April 11th

Join us in the school library on April 11th at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Feel free to bring your kids who can enjoy the computer lab while we are meeting.

TDSB JUST READ IT

Dear parents, if you have yet to submit any entries to the TDSB's "Just Read It" program during this current school year.



The link for this program can be accessed from our Timberbank PS Library site: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools/LibraryCat.aspx?schoolno=4740>

This is another way to encourage and celebrate reading! Good luck to everyone who submits entries!

Congratulations to our last winner!



Health & Physical Education

In February 2015, the Ministry of Education released the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum to all school boards in Ontario. This is not a new curriculum. The majority of this curriculum has been taught in schools across Ontario since 2010. Some of the updates include topics concerning healthy relationships, consent, mental health and online safety.

A Parent Guide for each grade 1-6 student will be sent home shortly. This unit will be taught in May by our Health teacher, Ms Oommen. Parents requesting a religious accommodation should email or call Mrs. Epitropou, to set up a **face to face meeting** so parents can share which curriculum expectation requires an accommodation. Parents are encouraged to read the full curriculum and parent resources, available on the Ministry website at www.edu.gov.on.ca. If you have questions about the content of the curriculum, please contact the Ministry of Education at 416-325-6870.

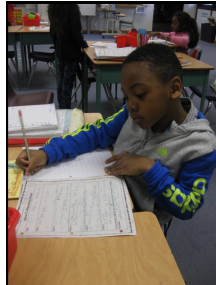
Students who do not attend Health classes as a religious accommodation will not receive a grade for that topic; however, they will have the comment "NAME was not present during TOPIC unit" on their report card.

To set up a face to face meeting with the principal, please send an email to anna.epitropou@tdsb.on.ca or call 416-396-6605.

MOVE-A-THON!!



Working Hard at School & Having Fun!



"Gratitude Corner" from our Grade 4 Class

Ms Persaud's class completes a weekly gratitude journal and wanted to share the following quotes from her students. With each newsletter, all of her students will have the chance to share their thoughts. We hope you enjoy them!

"Today I am grateful for having two best friends named Georgia and Reja." - Thanusi

"Today I am grateful for my classmates." - Raymond

"Today I am grateful for making the soccer team." - Sakanan

"Today I am grateful for my dad coming with me on our Forest Valley trip." - Sophia

Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!**

Reminder!



Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

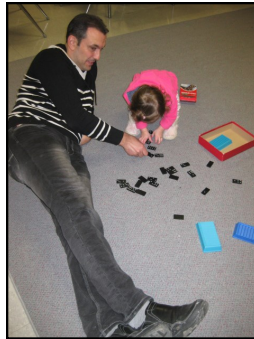
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Please call the school at 416-396-6860 and use the 24 hour voicemail system to report your child's absence or late arrival. If a call is not received, the automated call-out system will contact the parents. Please listen carefully and confirm the reason for the absence. Up-to-date emergency phone numbers for parents at home and work must be provided to the school. In the evening, the system calls all students who have arrived late that day.

All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter in keeping our students safe.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT #2



SPELLING BEE

On Saturday, April 2nd, our Spelling Bee Club participated in their first ever Spelling Bee at Woodside Square. They were very excited and nervous about the event. Thanks to Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Khan for coaching our club this year!

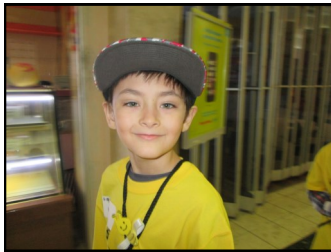
"It was really scary at first. But once we got up on the stage, it was fun." Zoya and Lilah

"Imagine yourself as a bee, you have to work hard to make it. That's what I did." Mariam

"I was nervous because you had to wait a long time before being called to the stage." Samuel

"I thought spelling the words would be hard, but after studying them, it was easy." Ashvina

"I spelled the word incorrect and I started to cry. But my mom said that I tried my best." Shayanaa



Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their "COOPERATION, COURTESY & COMMITMENT" at our "On TRACK" assembly on March 24th:

Mr. O'Connor's class – Ezzah, Kaden, Leo, Nathaniel, Mathangy & Zhen Yan

Mrs. Butters's class – Hamsa & Jacky

Mrs. Corrieri's class – Ethan, Kishan, Leo & Lucas

Ms Persaud's class – Ilwad, Kreethica, Maddox, Marlene, Miki & Shayanaa

Ms Fotopoulos's class – Aswin, Cynbia, Jacob & Kyle

Ms Boulos's class – Harine, Manoah, Mimi, Om & Ryan

Ms Lai/Mr. Mirshahi's class – Justin, Matthew, Randy & Una

Ms Namasivayam's class – Kajally, Katerina, Olivia, Sanky & Shawn

Ms Mourad/Ms Malkomkojian's class – Chrysanthi, Lucas & Mathusiha

Mrs. Ball's class – Dheilana, Joseph & Vianna

Mrs. Jeung/Mrs. Singh's class – Asram, Fiona, Jerome, Jerry, Mikael & Samuel

On Wednesday, March 30th, our "Cooperation, Courtesy & Commitment" winners in grades 1-6 had lunch with Mrs. Epitropou. Here is a list of things that they said they loved about Timberbank:

- We get "On TRACK" awards and get a treat to eat or a treat to keep (Kyle)
- Our science classes because of the cool projects we get to do (Lucas)
- Our math classes because they are fun (Ethan)
- Our French classes with Ms Persaud (Jacky)
- Our library because we get to look at animal books (Matthew)
- Our music classes because we get to play lots of instruments (Ezzah)
- Our after school program with ACSA (Zhen Yan)
- Our many sports teams (Nathaniel)
- That we can become smarter at school (Leo)
- Playing Jeopardy with Ms Namasivayam (Kajally)
- Our nice teachers and friends (Kreethica)
- We got a 3D printer and it is so cool to watch it (all the students)



ECO NEWS - Waste Audit

Wow! Now that was a lot of garbage. We need to do a better job of making sure that the recycling goes in the right bin and not in the garbage. Also, we need to work on putting the right things in the compost bins. By: Anthony Eco Rep



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Nothing like watching a movie with family and friends! Come join us at our next one, Friday, April 22nd.



Speech Arts

On March 8th, we hosted our annual Speech Arts competition for our Grade 4-6 students. Congratulations to our winners: Abira, Kate & Abinaya



Our Grade 4-6 Finalists



A great day at Forest Valley!



What a great day we had at Forest Valley! We did an experiment where we learned how salt affects the temperature of water. We collected samples of puddle water and measured the temperature using a special thermometer. Then we added salt to the water and measured the temperature again. We discovered that the water with the salt had a lower temperature. We're not sure why...we have to do some more investigating.

We also got to enjoy tea and maple sugar candy in the forest...relaxing in nature! By: Mariam and Kimberly

Camp Kearney Fun!



We had the best time ever at Camp Kearney! Thanks Mr. O'Connor and Ms Persaud for taking us on this trip.

Grade 6 students